

FOR INFORMATION  
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SUBJECT: Detection of *Sirex noctilio* Fabricius (Hymenoptera: Siricidae) (Sirex woodwasp) in Chautauqua and Madison Counties in New York

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On August 14, 2006, Cornell University positively identified two *Sirex noctilio* from Chautauqua County and one *S. noctilio* from Madison County in New York. The female woodwasps were collected from traps set and monitored by APHIS-PPQ and the New York State Departments of Agriculture and Markets and Environmental Conservation.

Forty-five *S. noctilio* (42 females and 3 males) from 15 counties have been confirmed this season bringing the total number of infested counties in New York to 20. All but eight of the *S. noctilio* specimens were found as a result of the Federal/State cooperative grid survey. All specimens found in the grid survey have been collected from either Intercept or Lindgren traps baited with a 70:30 blend of alpha and beta pinene.

United States Forest Service entomologists collected four *S. noctilio* (1 female and 3 males) from an infested pine tree and 1 female from a trap set in an experimental plot. Recently, three female *S. noctilio* were collected by surveyors as part of the USDA-APHIS-PPQ Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) for Exotic Wood Borer Bark Beetles. Two of the CAPS *S. noctilio* samples were collected from a Lindgren trap baited with alpha and beta pinene (70:30 blend). The third CAPS *S. noctilio* sample was collected from a Lindgren trap baited with Chalcoprax®.

A draft Environmental Assessment, in support of a proposed *Sirex* biological control program in New York, is under review by APHIS-PPQ. Before any program activities can be initiated, all required environmental documentation must be completed, reviewed and approved by both Federal and State regulatory officials.

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